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*Make no little plans: they have no magic
to stir men's blood, and probably themselves
will not be realized. Make big plans; aim
high in hope and work.*

DANIEL E. BURNHAM.

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The fiscal year of the Mississippi Library Association begins at the close of the annual meeting. If you have not paid your dues for the year beginning November, 1944 send \$1.00 personal dues and \$2.50 institutional dues to Miss Lucile Miller, West Point. It is necessary that we have 50 paid members to the MLA who are also members of the ALA in order to keep our representative on the ALA Council.

The fiscal year of the American Library Association begins January 1st. Send dues directly to ALA on the following salary scale:

| Salary | Dues |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| \$1200 and under | \$2.00 annually |
| 1201-1500 | 3.00 annually |
| 1501-2100 | 4.00 annually |
| 2101-3000 | 5.00 annually |
| 3001-4000 | 6.00 annually |
| 4001-5000 | 8.00 annually |
| 5001-over | 10.00 annually |

A PERSONAL MESSAGE TO LIBRARIANS AND LIBRARY TRUSTEES

From

MRS. EUNICE ELEY, Secretary, State Library Commission

Use the Library News

This is your library news agency. The Library News, published in January, April, July and October by the State Library Commission is the medium for recording library activities in the state. Send us an account of your library service. Without being asked send in your bright ideas, short cuts, notice of increased appropriations, unusual service or whatever you are doing of interest. This is good publicity and is important state news.

Use the Library Commission Book Service

The small library need never say, "We don't have it," and let it go at that. Say, "We'll write to the Library Commission for it." The Commission book collection is bought with the idea of supplementing and extending the service of the small library. The occasionally-wanted, the unusual, or the too-expensive-for-you-to-buy book may be here waiting your request. The person not in reach of a local library may get service by writing directly to the Commission. Let your clubs, schools, and individual readers know of this service provided by an appropriation from the state legislature.

Library Buildings

If you are planning a new or remodeled library building in the post war period you are urged to send an account of your plans and needs to the State Library Commission. This information has been requested by the Federal Relations Committee of the American Library Association and is important in presenting library building needs to the Federal Works Agency. It may result in loans and other assistance. You may send rough estimates of needs and costs.

Thanks

For answering the questionnaire on "Books". The response has been good and the suggestions most helpful.

MESSAGE FROM MRS. ROBERT C. PITARD, JACKSON

**President, Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs
New Member of Mississippi Library Commission**

Greetings to Mississippi librarians and all those who are carrying on the splendid library work in the state. The Federated Women's Clubs of Mississippi heartily endorse the educational values of libraries and have been largely instrumental in the establishment of public libraries in the various towns and counties.

The Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs looks forward to an enlarged program to be extended throughout the state to all not now within reach of a public library. We pledge our cooperation in the development of Mississippi libraries.

MEETING OF MISSISSIPPI LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

OCTOBER 19-20, 1944

The annual meeting of the Mississippi Library Association was held in Jackson, October 19-20, with Headquarters at the Heidelberg Hotel. The theme of the meeting was "The Library and the community" and the proposed program was presented to all interested persons through the excellent functioning of the Publicity Committee, the co-operation of the newspapers, the Jackson Chamber of Commerce, and the State Library Commission. The large attendance evidenced an awareness of the work of the Association and an interest in library development in the state.

At eight o'clock, the evening of October 19th, a joint meeting of all committees was held in the Green Room. General promotional plans for library development in Mississippi were discussed. Each committee gave a brief summary of its work and plans.

Two general sessions were held in the Silver Room, October 20th. The president, Miss Eleanor Harkins, presided at the opening meeting. Greetings to the assembly and a brief resume of activities prefaced the program. The feature of the morning program was an informal address by Dr. W. Stanley Hoole, Director of Libraries, University of Alabama. Dr. Hoole was introduced by Mrs. Gertrude Rowzee, Librarian of Hinds Junior College and Vice-president of the Association. His address was developed around three ideas: (1) The function of the Public Library—that is, who uses it and why?; (2) How do Mississippi libraries compare in number, population served, appropriations for books and salaries, etc., based on national standards?; and, (3) How can Mississippi's library service be improved?

Under the third idea, Dr. Hoole indicated several ways in which

Mississippi library service could be improved. (1) That librarians need to give more thought to life in the community, to look outside their library walls; (2) To formulate plans for improving service—that is, to develop a philosophy by building on our present opportunities and responsibilities; (3) To examine ourselves to see whether the library is worth what it costs; (4) To improve the training of librarians by revising out-of-date library school methods and techniques; (5) To attract more and better people into the profession; and (6) To coordinate our efforts with those of other social agencies in an attempt to play a more significant role in our democratic society. The final challenge to librarians was to make the place of the library in the community of vital importance, changing the library from a sanctioned institution to a basic institution.

The business of the Association was transacted at the second portion of the morning meeting. Reports were heard from all officers, all standing committees and the two special committees. Two resolutions were passed, one endorsing the work of the Commission under the very capable direction of Miss Pearl Sneed; and the other favoring the Association's sponsoring activities in behalf of State Aid for Mississippi libraries and increased appropriation for the Commission.

Two important motions were carried regarding a change in the MLA constitution and by-laws. One was relative to changing the term of electing officers to two years. The other concerned the voting requirements for a change in the constitution. These proposed amendments will be voted on at the next annual meeting of the Association.

The same officers were re-elected for another year. The standing committees were re-appointed. The suggestion was made that future committees function one year with each in-coming president. This would insure the new president an organized group and help her to continue the plans of the Association.

Mrs. Thomas L. Bailey presided at the afternoon general session which was devoted to a panel discussion of the theme "The library and the community." The following panel members were presented to the assembly. Miss Pearl Sneed, Librarian of the Jackson Public Library, leader of the discussion; Dr. Tullye Borden Lindsey, Department of Adult Education, State College; Miss Emma Lindsay, Home Demonstration Extension Service, Jackson; Mrs. D. R. Jenkins, President, Mississippi Congress of Parents and Teachers; Mr. Kirby Walker, Superintendent of City Schools, Jackson; and Dr. Stanley Hoole, representing the library group. The lively discussion was most stimulating.

Following adjournment, the Association was entertained at a tea by Mrs. Bailey at the Executive Mansion.

ELEANOR HARKINS, President
Mississippi Library Association

**MEETING OF LIBRARY SECTION, MISSISSIPPI EDUCATION
ASSOCIATION**

**SARA HUNT BASKERVILLE, Field Librarian
Jackson Elementary Schools, Chairman**

The library section of the Mississippi Education Association will meet in the Green Memorial Library of the Central High School, Jackson at 10:00 o'clock A. M., March 23, 1945. An interesting program is being planned around the theme: Book Selection in High School. All school librarians are urged to be present.

FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The University of Chicago is offering fellowships and scholarships for the 1945-46 academic year. Three fellowships of \$1,000 each are offered for advanced study leading to the M.A. and PH.D. degrees. Two full-tuition (\$300) and two half-tuition (\$150) scholarships are offered for professional study leading to the Bachelor of Library Science degree.

Applicants for fellowships and scholarships should write to the Graduate Library School, The University of Chicago, Chicago 37, Illinois. Fellowship applications must be in the hands of the Dean of the Graduate Library School by March 10, 1945, and scholarship applications by June 1, 1945.

(Mississippians wishing to take advantage of this offer are advised to communicate with the above as soon as possible.)

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION COUNCIL MEETING

The American Library Association Council has planned a meeting of state library leaders to be held in Chicago January 19-20 for the purpose of launching a campaign to raise funds for the following objectives:

1. To maintain a representative of library interests in Washington under the direction of the American Library Association.

An immediate service of this representative will be to make proper connections with the Surplus Property Administration and with Congress so that books and equipment now in camp libraries may be made available to school, college and public libraries when the camps are demobilized.

Another purpose of the representative will be to promote federal relations benefitting libraries, including federal aid as of major importance.

2. To enable the American Library Association to carry on a national public relations program supporting the above objectives.

After consultation with the President of the Mississippi Library Association and with members of the State Library Commission it has been decided that our state should take part in this important conference. The Secretary of the Library Commission will represent the state at the meeting and if, after ALA plans are made we decide to take part in the campaign special notice will be sent to each librarian and trustee in the state.

STATE NEWS

Appointments:

Miss Pearl Sneed as head librarian of the Jackson Public Library, formerly Secretary of the State Library Commission.

Miss Bethany Swearingen as Assistant and Reference Librarian at the Jackson Public Library, formerly Hinds County Librarian.

Mrs. Ada Paige Corban as cataloger, Jackson Public Library, formerly associated with the state WPA Library Program.

Miss Annie Bess Roberts as librarian at the Meridian Air Base, formerly librarian of Clarksdale High School.

Mrs. Lucile Ehlers Kinnard has returned to the Central High School library, Jackson.

Miss De Lacy McMurry as Hinds County Librarian. Miss McMurry is a graduate of Millsaps College and of Louisiana State University Library School. She has had several years' experience as librarian at the Byram High School, Hinds County, and at the Kentwood Louisiana High School.

SENIOR COLLEGE LIBRARY STATISTICS 1943-1944

| College | Location | Librarian | SPENT | | | | Volumess | Enrollment |
|----------------|---------------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------|------------|
| | | | Books | Periodicals | Bindings | Student Assistance | | |
| Belhaven | Jackson | Mary A. Anderson | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 400.00 | \$ 100.00 | \$ 675.80 | \$ 50.00 | 2,225.80 |
| Blue Mountain | Blue Mountain | Lucy Lamb | \$ 1,213.53 | \$ 602.36 | \$ 184.14 | \$ 900.00 | \$ 180.27 | 16,869 |
| DePaul State | Cleveland | Myra O'Brien | \$ 250.00 | \$ 269.39 | \$ 966.90 | \$ 144.46 | \$ 3,080.30 | 15,800 |
| Illinois | Jackson | Shirley Chichester | \$ 945.60 | \$ 1,260.00 | \$ 146.75 | \$ 2,708.85 | \$ 23,372 | 153 |
| Mississippi | Clinton | (Mrs) R. D. Quisenberry | \$ 1,061.14 | \$ 596.40 | \$ 2,872.24 | \$ 1,346.45 | \$ 3420.01 | 524 |
| Miss. State | Starkville | Nannie H. Rice | \$ 2,568.89 | \$ 1,003.94 | \$ 186.31 | \$ 7,977.83 | \$ 74,025 | 126 |
| M. S. C. W. | Columbus | Beulah Culbertson | \$ 3,480.80 | \$ 1,473.54 | \$ 248.49 | \$ 487.03 | \$ 6,484.81 | 921 |
| Miss. Southern | Hattiesburg | Anna Roberts | \$ 8,666.23 | \$ 6,779.77 | \$ 1,945.39 | \$ 2,250.00 | \$ 20,914.77 | 101,464 |
| University | Oxford | Whitman Davis | | | | | | 1,438 |

JUNIOR COLLEGE LIBRARY STATISTICS—1943-44

| College | Location | Librarian | SPENT | | | | | | Volumes | Enrollment |
|------------------------|-------------|---------------------|-----------|-------------|----------|--------------------|--------|----------|---------|------------|
| | | | Books | Periodicals | Bindings | Student Assistance | Other | Total | | |
| All Saints | Vicksburg | | \$ 800.00 | \$ 8 | \$ 8 | \$ 8 | \$ 8 | \$ 8 | | |
| Clarke Memorial | Newton | Mrs. Evelyn Owsalt | 418.67 | 104.20 | 75.75 | (ALL EXPENSES) | 13.49 | 666.11 | 7,235 | 89 |
| Copiah-Lincoln | Wesson | Ethel Burton | 361.67 | 111.86 | 38.39 | 56.50 | 39.25 | 607.66 | 4,228 | 61 |
| East Central | Deatur | Sue Bass Jones | 381.72 | 175.97 | 45.19 | (ALL EXPENSES) | 16.80 | 580.28 | 5,806 | 180 |
| East Mississippi | Scobea | Dorothy Milden | 1,000.00 | 192.64 | 59.97 | (ALL EXPENSES) | 4.44 | 924.25 | 6,829 | 96 |
| Gulfport | Gulfport | Mrs. Anna E. Newman | 667.20 | 127.00 | 79.00 | 279.00 | 15.00 | 712.47 | 5,565 | 149 |
| Harrison-Stone-Jackson | Perkinston | Gertude Rowzee | 227.47 | 175.25 | 23.625 | 236.25 | 12.521 | 6,290 | 112 | |
| Hinds | Raymond | Goodman | 549.65 | 435.72 | 232.11 | 115.00 | 114.26 | 2,310.12 | 8,391 | 139 |
| Holmes | Ellisville | Mattoe M. Viverette | 1,392.03 | 431.08 | 321.08 | 38.48 | 48.06 | 816.12 | 4,820 | 189 |
| Jones County | Meridian | Ada Holliday | 737.61 | 149.20 | 74.64 | 288.00 | 6.50 | 1,082.11 | 5,638 | 166 |
| Municipal Jr. | Senatobia | Margaret A. Snowden | 450.68 | 215.45 | 78.64 | 1.02 | — | 7,025 | 109 | |
| Northwest | Poplarville | Mrs. Ella Chambley | 906.29 | 248.10 | 39.75 | 37.53 | — | 9,289 | 166 | |
| Pearl River | Moorhead | Mary Pierce | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Sunflower | Mathiston | Margaret G. Pease | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Wood | Brookhaven | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Whitworth | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |

HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY STATISTICS—SCHOLASTIC YEAR 1943-1944

| SCHOOL | LIBRARIAN | SPENT | | | | | | Expenditure Overhead |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|----------|------------------------|----------------|----------|------------|-------|-------------------------|
| | | Books | Periodicals | Binding | Supplies | Per capita | Spent | |
| Aberdeen | Mrs. Wayne C. Leech | \$315.00 | \$ 40.00 | \$ 4.00 | \$ 10.00 | \$ 4.445 | 25.3 | |
| Aberdyne | Elliott Thompson | 240.00 | 60.00 | ----- | 50.00 | 2.875 | 1.4 | |
| Bay St. Louis | Edith Russum | ----- | 30.00 | ----- | ----- | 7.73 | 1.02 | |
| St. Joseph's Academy | Brother Anselm Maguire | 150.00 | 48.00 | ----- | 24.00 | 4.529 | 191 | |
| St. Stanislaus | Mrs. Katherine F. Roberts | 175.00 | 45.00 | ----- | 16.00 | 2.790 | 195 | |
| Belloni | Barbara Chaffant | 333.75 | (4500.00 ALL EXPENSES) | ----- | 5.632 | 3.73 | | |
| Bioxli | Mrs. F. W. Wright | 100.00 | (4350.00 ALL EXPENSES) | ----- | 2.168 | 287 | | |
| Brookhaven | Willie Dee Robbins | 45.01 | 75.00 | 15.00 | 35.55 | 1.986 | 25.4 | |
| Brooklyn | Tommy Collins | 285.00 | 50.00 | 15.00 | 27.00 | 2.568 | 282 | |
| Canton | Mrs. Yvonne Fondren | 240.00 | 42.00 | 12.00 | 10.00 | 2.048 | 143 | |
| Charleston | Sister Mary Claudia | 206.00 | 111.65 | ----- | 7.00 | 6.076 | 117 | |
| Chatawau | Annie Bass Roberts | 143.72 | 74.00 | 11.00 | 9.05 | 3.927 | 312 | |
| Clarkdale | Elizabeth Dakin | 350.76 | (4536.00 ALL EXPENSES) | ----- | 5.588 | 240 | | |
| Cleveland | Mrs. Walter F. Taylor | 250.00 | 182.03 | ----- | 2.876 | 121 | | |
| Clinton | Madeline Flynt | 222.48 | 67.55 | 21.98 | 21.35 | 2.510 | 300 | |
| Columbia | Grey Iron | 588.12 | 59.25 | 110.85 | 19.15 | 5.866 | 409 | |
| Columbus | Mrs. Rosa Modlin | 165.00 | 40.00 | 60.00 | 35.00 | 2.445 | 300 | |
| Corinth | Mrs. Carl Wilson | 325.00 | (ALL EXPENSES) | ----- | 1.044 | 3.420 | 287 | |
| Crosby | Mae Brown | ----- | 95.00 | 22.00 | 25.00 | 2.40 | | |
| Crystal Springs | Mrs. Jean Vincent | 385.00 | (NO REPORT) | ----- | 1.989 | ----- | | |
| Drew | Hope Moody | 387.93 | 432.60 | (ALL EXPENSES) | 1.593 | 94 | | |
| Durant | Flora Greenville | ----- | 500.00 | (ALL EXPENSES) | 4.979 | 323 | | |
| Flora | Carolyn Metcalfe | 350.00 | 40.00 | (ALL EXPENSES) | 3.988 | 313 | | |
| Greenwood | Tillie Webb | 175.00 | 500.00 | (ALL EXPENSES) | 2.872 | 242 | | |
| Grenada | Margaret L. Morgan | 483.33 | 500.00 | (ALL EXPENSES) | 5.733 | 565 | | |
| Gulfport | Lilly D. Harding | 439.37 | 614.37 | (ALL EXPENSES) | 4.074 | 364 | | |
| Gulfport, G. C. M. A. | Mrs. Sallie H. Draper | 208.00 | ----- | (ALL EXPENSES) | 1.894 | 146 | | |
| Hattiesburg, Demol | Annette B. Wilder | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | (ALL EXPENSES) | 6.770 | 476 | | |
| Hattiesburg | Margaret Cathey | 1,155.00 | 300.00 | (ALL EXPENSES) | 6.770 | 476 | | |
| Hazlehurst | Margaret Miller | 300.00 | ----- | (ALL EXPENSES) | 1.868 | 237 | | |
| Hernando | Alberta Carruth | ----- | ----- | (ALL EXPENSES) | 1.662 | 66 | | |
| Hollendale | Callie D. Chism | ----- | ----- | (ALL EXPENSES) | 1.865 | 95 | | |
| Holly Springs | Joseph N. Whitten | 200.87 | 50.43 | (ALL EXPENSES) | 16.48 | 104 | | |
| Horn Lake | Katherine Coward | 300.00 | ----- | (ALL EXPENSES) | 2.020 | 122 | | |
| Houston | Ora Felton | 155.00 | 43.42 | 23.75 | 1.358 | 182 | | |
| Indiana | Lucille Stewart | 180.00 | 30.00 | ----- | 1.578 | 138 | | |
| Itta Bena | Willie D. Halsell | 117.00 | 25.43 | 15.39 | 1.805 | 758 | | |
| Jackson | Mrs. Aleene Briscoe | 673.10 | 313.65 | 34.65 | 24.65 | 1.233 | | |

HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY STATISTICS—SCHOLASTIC YEAR 1943-1944—Continued

| SCHOOL | LIBRARIAN | SPENT | | | | Enrollment |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|--------|-------------|---------|----------------|------------|
| | | Books | Periodicals | Binders | Supplies | |
| Jonestown | Jamie Barham | 200.00 | 60.00 | — | (ALL EXPENSES) | 651 |
| Kosciusko | Margaret Green | 250.00 | 118.09 | 7.00 | 2,124 | 300 |
| Laurel | Mabel Baot | 258.77 | 45.00 | 81.90 | 5,011 | 103 |
| Leland | Elizabeth Reynolds | 210.00 | 40.00 | 25.00 | 3,464 | 103 |
| Lexington | Janet Whitehead | 125.00 | 40.00 | 10.00 | 20.00 | 109 |
| Louisville | Madge Spiva | 331.00 | 79.00 | — | 3,498 | 109 |
| McComb | Mrs. J. Monk | 250.00 | 96.75 | 55.00 | 40.00 | 362 |
| Marion | Mrs. E. S. Trull | 200.00 | — | 45.00 | 1,196 | 320 |
| Markville | Mallie Newman | 350.00 | — | — | (ALL EXPENSES) | 1,196 |
| Merrigold | Mrs. Harvey S. Turner | 150.00 | 35.00 | — | (ALL EXPENSES) | 146 |
| Moss Point | Mrs. Martha Cooley | 450.00 | — | — | (ALL EXPENSES) | 211 |
| Natchez | Mary Joann Finger | 500.00 | — | — | (ALL EXPENSES) | 208 |
| New Albany | Mary Rogers | 336.00 | 84.00 | — | 3,442 | 360 |
| Newton | Mrs. Frances Bailey | 250.00 | 100.00 | — | 3,790 | 308 |
| Oktobeta | Alton R. Collins | 280.00 | 43.00 | — | 60.00 | 208 |
| Oxford | Julia K. Rogers | 700.00 | — | — | (ALL EXPENSES) | 212 |
| Pascagoula | Julia Hanon | 606.00 | 67.00 | — | 6,081 | 209 |
| Pearl River Christian | Katie Beemon | 161.06 | 39.00 | — | 31.00 | 1,021 |
| Philadelphia | Mae Jopay | 91.06 | — | — | 8,455 | 198 |
| Pearlville | Herbert W. Kaiser | 225.00 | 40.85 | — | (ALL EXPENSES) | 206 |
| Port Gibson (Chamberlain Hunt) | Mrs. Alice O'Neal | 100.00 | 50.00 | — | 2,063 | 214 |
| Rolling Fork | Alice Kenner | 100.00 | — | — | (ALL EXPENSES) | 47 |
| Rosedale | Mildred Ware | 225.00 | 65.00 | — | 1,643 | 76 |
| Ruleville | — | 350.00 | 65.00 | — | 5,025 | 116 |
| Sardis | Oney Legron | 204.87 | 400.00 | — | 2,166 | 99 |
| Senatobia | Josephine Waite | 400.00 | — | — | (ALL EXPENSES) | 116 |
| Shaw | Mary E. Williams | 250.00 | — | — | (ALL EXPENSES) | 104 |
| Starkeville | Auey Mayfield | 150.00 | 25.00 | — | 6,937 | 80 |
| Summit | Elizabeth Walters | 100.00 | — | — | 3,792 | 206 |
| Summer | Mary L. Matthews | — | — | — | (ALL EXPENSES) | 68 |
| Tebulia | Bertha Lee Allen | 92.08 | 29.50 | — | 1,010 | 74 |
| Tunica | Mary Frances Reid | 300.00 | — | — | 840 | 68 |
| Tupelo | Mamie L. Berry | 400.00 | — | — | (ALL EXPENSES) | 68 |
| Tylertown | Thelma Adams | 237.22 | 45.95 | — | 4,040 | 326 |
| Vicksburg | — | 337.20 | 75.95 | — | 3,63 | 196 |
| Water Valley | — | 150.00 | 25.00 | — | 66.85 | 640 |
| West Point | — | 285.00 | 60.00 | — | 7,010 | 144 |
| Winona | — | 250.00 | — | — | 25.00 | 208 |
| Yazoo City | Irma McIntosh | 200.00 | 75.00 | — | 15.00 | 182 |